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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Scott Prestage, 42, of Madison, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to possessing child pornography.

A search warrant was executed at Prestage's home on June 2, 2006. Agents seized both hard drives and CD-Rs which were later found to contain movies of children engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for August 29, 2007. Prestage faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

This case has been brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

The charges against Prestage were the result of an investigation conducted by U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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